



Cox's Corner is an intersection of 5 busy roads in Millbrook on the way to Marshfield. In 1850 they must have been relatively well traveled, also they led to Marshfield, Green Harbor and Duxbury Beach, Plymouth and Duxbury Village, the inland route to Pembroke, and lastly to the end of Duck Hill Rd. where the Boston Packet stopped at Bourne's Wharf. It was known simply as Five Corners.

In 1850 Charles J. Cochs of Duxbury bought from Joel Walker's widow, Sally, for \$25, three-quarters of an acre of improved land at the corner of the road leading to Duxbury Beach and Duck Hill Rd. It was part of the 100 acre farm which had been in the Chandler family since it was originally granted to Edmund Chandler; the heirs had sold it to Joel Walker in 1800. It was here in 1850, that Charles J. Cochs built his house and barn, both facing south on Duck Hill Rd.

Charles was a Civil War veteran and it is said that his eyesight had been so seriously impaired during the war that he received a pension of \$75 per month - a large sum of money in those days. At any rate when he deeded the property to his wife, Joanna, in 1885, it is stated that one John Simmons, witness, had written the signature with Charles holding the pen after the deed was read to him. It is also interesting to note that the deed states that the property is to be in her own right "free from any influence of her present or any future husband." At this point the spelling had become Cox and the intersection was referred to as Cox's Five Corners. After Joanna died, the property changed hands several times until 1953 when the present owners bought it.

It is a cottage style house with an ell added which also faces the road. The front rooms on either side of the front door have fireplaces, the flues of which join at the roof for one chimney at the top of the narrow stairway. There are also 3 small rooms downstairs in the back part of the main house. Originally the east front room must have been the kitchen for the fireplace has been remodeled and a Dutch oven bricked up. The present roomy kitchen is in the ell.

During the occupancy of Albert Prince, there was a fire in the upstairs region but no radical change was made when it was repaired. The present owners restored the house when they bought it but made no radical change either. So the house which Charles J. Cochs built in 1850 at Cox's Five Corners, nestled peacefully amidst the tall spruce trees which separate it from the busy traffic, is the attractive, comfortable home of Norris and Ruth LaFleur.